

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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Examiner:

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Title: FLEXIBLE PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL BASES AND MIDDLE  
DISTILLATES WITH A CONVERTING PRETREATMENT STAGE  
FOLLOWED BY A CATALYTIC DEWAXING STAGE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.